

Franklin County Council
May 26, 2015
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room 203

Council: Becky Oglesby, Joe Sizemore, Dean McQueen, Daryl Kramer, Keith Hall, Jeff Koch and Aaron Leffingwell.

Auditor: Stephen Brack

Open: The meeting was called to order by President Becky Oglesby and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Oglesby thanked the soldiers for their service to our country and as office holders we should abide by the laws for our freedom.

Minutes: A motion was made by Joe Sizemore to approve the minutes of April 28, 2015 and May 12, 2015 and was 2nd by Jeff Koch. Motion carried.

Franklin County Public Library: a letter was received stating the term of Pat Combs expired on June 22, 2015 and they are asking that Tonya Jones be appointed. A motion was made by Joe Sizemore to appoint Tonya Jones and was 2nd by Dean McQueen. Motion carried.

Additional: a discussion was held concerning County General and Cagit and the Commissioners need to do a reduction to replace the \$6,000.00 for Part-time maintenance. A motion was made by Daryl Kramer for the auditor to advertise the reduction for Personal Services for the maintenance position that was eliminated at the Court House and was 2nd by Aaron Leffingwell. Motion carried. A motion was made by Daryl Kramer to approve 2015-11 Personal Services \$6480.00 and Service Charges \$479.0 and was 2nd by Keith Hall. Motion carried. A motion was made by Daryl Kramer to approve additional of Stay's Alive, Newly Elected Officials, Cagit, Auditor Ineligible, 2014 Performance Grant, and K-9 Sheriff and was 2nd by Jeff Koch. Motion carried. A motion was made by Daryl Kramer to table Pretrial Diversion and Co. Gen IV-D and to approve Operation Pullover and Vaccine and was 2nd by Joe Sizemore. Motion carried. A motion to approve Reduction 205-12 Co. Gen. Personal Service \$2280.00 and was made by Aaron Leffingwell and 2nd by Joe Sizemore. Motion carried.

Healthcare: a statement from Millie Simmermeyer was made that she has spoken to the Commissioners regarding the Healthcare that they should look at a new plan or an increase to the employee contribution.

Transfers: a motion was made by Aaron Leffingwell to approve transfers and was 2nd by Daryl Kramer. Motion carried.

Election: Keith Hall made a statement that the County should be reimbursed from the City of Batesville for the Municipal Primary Cost. Auditor Brack has mailed the statement.

Grant Reeves: President Oglesby had mailed a letter to Attorney Reeves asking him to come to the meeting and report on the various taxes: Wheel Tax/Surtax, Public Safety Income Tax and Cumulative Capital Tax. She asked that the report include: Amount of funds generated from each, where these funds can be applied, how this does affects the taxpayer and what paperwork needs to be done to

incorporate tax revenue, deadlines. Attorney Reeves stated at the beginning that this is a work in progress. He said that we would have until January 1, 2017 to combine all local taxes into one.

Wheel Tax: this pertains to small and large vehicles with a maximum of possible tax of \$25.00 and higher rates for commercial vehicles. Most of the surrounding counties have a wheel tax so this would not put Franklin County at a disadvantage. This would be collected by the BMV for a charge of \$0.15 per vehicle. The downside of this is the revenue would be shared among the county's municipalities which would be less help for the county's bottom line.

Public Safety: this is a tax not to exceed a quarter percentage points. Mr. Reeves said the current CAGIT rate is 1% brings in about \$4 million dollars in revenue each year. Because it is a public safety tax, the revenue could only go to public safety groups, i.e. Sheriff's Dept., EMS, and volunteer Fire Depts. These groups are funded through county general fund, therefore; 1 million in revenue could then free up 1 million in the general fund.

Cumulative Capital: this tax was enacted by Council last year and denied by DLGF due no Council members showing up to defend the tax. Mr. Reeves stated if the council was still interested, perhaps the county could beef up the application to better satisfy the state requirement. This new tax could raise an additional \$200,000. President Oglesby's thoughts were in the area of \$250,000.

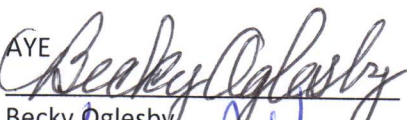

Councilman Hall asked the other council members to estimate new costs, additional to last year's budget. Councilman Kramer brought up wage increases as did the Sheriff. Also there will be an additional cost of \$100,000 in election costs for next year. The Sheriff commented that he would need 5 new vehicles next year, since he was only approved 1 for this year as he usually gets 3 per year. Councilman Leffingwell put in \$250,000 for improved EMS services. Mr. Hall estimated new cost and then pointed out that per his figures, if council imposed all 3 taxes there would not be enough money to meet 2016 expenses. He also emphasized possible need for cost cutting measures instead.

No decision was made at this time. Mr. Reeves was asked to continue his research into how much money could be raised with each tax. A question was asked about the required advertising and public hearings prior to enactment of the tax. Also Councilman Kramer asked for Mr. Reeves to look into the legality of slightly lowering property tax rate. Mr. Reeves will also check into the refinancing of the bond on the Government Center at a local bank at a lower rate.

Mr. Reeve's presentation the council then discussed pros and cons of each tax and at this time it seems that they didn't want to implement any of the options. It was decided that the council should check into this a little more. Mr. Kramer asked Attorney Reeves

Adjourn: with no further business being discussed a motion to adjourn was made by Aaron Leffingwell and 2nd by Jeff Koch. Motion carried.

Others in attendance: Linda Hall, Carroll Lanning, Mark and Millie Simmermeyer, Pam Beneker, Andrew Nauman, Renee Estridge, Ritch Baudendistel, Ken Murphy, Monica Yane, Eric Roberts and Wanda Lee. The names are spelled correctly as per the sign in sheet.

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